

We include here the inventory of Thomas Bushell who died in February 1633 (1634 according to the modern calendar). When someone reasonably well off died an inventory of everything they owned was listed and valued by reputable people of the neighbourhood. We have therefore a good indication of how they lived and as everything was described within the rooms and outbuildings, we can see how big the house was. We think that Thomas died suddenly as his will was made verbally. A copy of it is available in the Wiltshire Archives.

It is probable that Thomas's house was near or on the site of Ivy Cottage in Netheravon High St. That there was still a "room full of apples" as late as February indicates large orchards some of which still remained into the C20th.

The inventory has been transcribed; with just a few words we could not decipher! We have not included the valuations of each item, just the total at the end. Many of the items will be unfamiliar - eg. A humberkin is a barrel containing 36 gallons (probably of ale). Do get in touch if you'd like more information.

A true inventory of the goods and chattels of Thomas Bushell gent of Netherhaven, lately deceased, taken and apprized the 27 of Feb 1633 by Matthew Bennet of Ablington, clerk, Roger F...mrkney of Millstone gent Thomas Dike of Netherhaven and John Cooper of Ablington

In the kitchen

Two small table bords, a chaire, six formes, three stooles, one side board, 4 shelves with other small implements of wood
4 spitts, 2 pothangers, 2 iron crocks, a fender, a pair of iron dogs, a pair of andirons, with other small implements.

A warming pan, 3 little skillets of brasse, 2 little kettles, a chafing dish, 2 skimming & a basting ladle
A furnace of brasse

In the bruing house

One ffat (vat), a stand, 2 coules, 2 payles, an old powdering tub, one cheese presse and 3 shelves
4 brasse pots, 4 kettles, and 2 brasse pans
A dripping pan of iron, an iron trivet, a paire of pot hookes, 3 bottles with other small implements

In the meale house

3 keevors, one search, one reнге, 2 tubs, one half bushell, a peck, a gallon, 2 stands

In the dining room

One table & a bench

In the Hall

2 table bords with frames, a side cubbord with a cubbord cloth, one chaire, 8 joynt stooles, and a little frame
One paire of andirons, a paire of dogs, 2 pothangers, 2 cushions, & a window curtaine

In the parler

Books

One table bord & frame, one stoole, one livery cubbord
One leather chair, one stoole, 6 cushions
A rose still, a paire of andirons, a paire of dogs & a paire of bellows
A bedstead and curtaines, 2 fetherbeds & 2 ruggs.3 bouldsters, 2 pillowes, a paire of blankets , a paire of sheets, & a pillowtic

In the buttery

Pewter

One silver bowl

A spice mortar & pestle, a brasse skimmer and a frying pan

One table bord, one forme, 2 coffers, one safe and a few shelfes with other small implements

In the sellar

4 great brasse pannes & 2 great kettles

2 great coules & 3 keeves

One horse, 2 hogsheads, 4 humberkins & a tub

A plank, 2 trestells, one forme, a salt & cheeses with other small implements

In the Easthouse

8 flitches of bacon & a ladder

In the kitchen loft

A coslet

A chest of tooles

A paire of skales with weights, a gridiron, a bag of hops with other small implements

In the cockloft

A room full of apples

A ladder & some old plankes

In the chamber over the dining room

One cubbord a chest and a shelve

In the Chamber over the hall

One featherbed & one flock bed & boulster, 2 blankets, two coverlets, 2 pillowes, a bedsted mat

His apparel & monie

One table bord, a presse, a chaire, 2 chests, one joynt stool & desk

In the Chamber over the parlor

One standing bedsted, one featherbed & flockbed, 2 feather bolsters & one flock bolster, 3 pillows & blankets, one stool, one rugge, one coverlet of arras, another coverlet, one truckle bedsted with one flockbed, one feather bolster, one flock bolster, 2 coverlets, 2 blankets, one sheet & one pillow
2 chests, one side Cubbord, one chaire, one deske, one stool, one side table with some other small things

In the Chamber over the buttery

One standing bedsted & one truckle bedsted, one flockbed, a bolster, 3 blankets, 2 coverlets, one pillow
6 pairs of sheets, 3 table cloths with napkins & other linen

In the chamber over the brewhouse

One standing bedsted, one little table bord, one joyn stool

In the working houses

Working tooles, with timber wrought & unwrought & other utensils

Things abroad about the house

Burning wood & fewell for fire

Timber at home & in the next parish

A cart a dray a lade & a plow

Four horses

In barne & stable

Hay & horsemeal

A stack of wheat by estimation 3 quarters

A stack of barley

3 kine

4 pigges

7 acres of wheat in the field

A winnowing sheet, sakes, pikes. Harness & some other utensils

4 pigges troughs, 2 cowrackes, & a stone to presse cheeses

In money owing

£3. 13s

Total £198. 0d

Matthew Bennet

Roger F...mrkney

Thomas Dyke

John Cooper

